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SUBJECT: PRAVDA EDITORIAL ATTACKS U.S. MICRONESIA POLICY

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FEB. 26 PRAVDA CARRIES UNSIGNED
EDITORIAL "CONTRARY TO OBLIGATIONS" THAT SHARPLY ATTACKS
U.S. POLICY IN MICRONESIA. EDITORIAL ALLEGES THAT U.S.
IS ATTEMPTING TO USE MICRONESIA TO ESTABLISH U.S. CONTROL
IN THE PACIFIC REGION. ARTICLE CLAIMS "PENTAGON GENERALS
AND ADMIRALS" VIEW MICRONESIA AS A STRONGHOLD OF EXTREME
IMPORTANCE AND BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE MICRONESIA "IN
THEIR POCKET". EDITORIAL ALLEGES U.S. MILITARY BASES
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ARE BEING BUILT IN MICRONESIA, THAT TESTING FIELDS FOR
ICBMS ARE FUNCTIONING, AND THAT WASHINGTON HAS ANNOUNCED
A "NEW STATUS" FOR MICRONESIA WHICH IT PLANS TO USE "TO
ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEFENSE AND INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS" OF MICRONESIA.

2. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES BY:

-- ATTACKING "U.S. DIPLOMACY AND ITS LOCAL AGENTS" FOR
"SUPPRESSING THE WILL" OF THE MICRONESIANS, WHO ARE
"FIGHTING FOR REAL INDEPENDENCE", CRITICIZING "PLEBISCITE"
WASHINGTON INTENDS TO HOLD IN THE CAROLINE AND MARSHALL
ISLANDS, AND DENOUNCING THE U.S. FOR "IGNORING" ITS
INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS IN MICRONESIA. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. COMMENT: BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. UPCOMING JULY 12
REFERENDUM IN MICRONESIA HAS PROBABLY SPURRED SOVIETS TO
RENEW THEIR ATTACKS ON U.S. POLICY IN MICRONESIA. WE
EXPECT TO SEE FURTHER CRITICISM IN THE SOVIET PRESS
IN THE WEEKS AHEAD. END CONFIDENTIAL. MATLOCK

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